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Governor Johnson Doing Politics

By the six judicial appointments made in this county last week by Gov. Johnson, he doubtless flatters himself with having done a neat job in the interest of his candidacy for renomination and election as governor next year. But the Governor may find some morning next August that he reckoned without his host. No one who knows them will gainsay the character of the six gentlemen who have been elevated to the bench, but their selection has created no little amount of ill feeling in the Progressive camp. And the Governor will discover that the wounds he made will more than offset the votes he gained by the deal. Two of his six appointees are regarded as strong, capable men and may be able to run the gauntlet of the primaries next year. The Los Angeles Bar is rich in high-class judicial timber which was very largely thrown aside by the Governor. But next year, when the people get a chance, it is not unlikely that they will bring to the front their most capable men and make short work of the bulk of Governor Johnson's judges. In making these judicial appointments the Governor was more interested in securing his renomination than anything else in that connection.

Has Completely Ignored the Negro.

Despite the fact that Gov. Johnson was loyally supported by the Negroes at the primaries and general election four years ago, he has given them no consideration whatever. The vote he received from the Negroes at the gubernatorial primaries four years ago was heavy, and without them he

might have failed of a place on the ticket. Having assisted in putting him on the ticket they redoubled their efforts in securing his election. But the Governor has not thought of the Negroes since his election, except to remove from office the only Negro holding a job that paid a hundred dollars a month, that was the Governor's messenger.

When the Governor came into office he found that the messenger's salary had been raised by the previous administration from \$100 to \$125 per month. This he doubtless regarded as too much pay for a Negro, hence the Negro was relieved and a white man given his job. That is about the only reward that the Negroes have received from the Governor for supporting him.

What excuse the Governor's friends will offer the Negroes next year for his refusal to recognize them remains to be seen. Since he occupied the Governor's chair, Gov. Johnson has made over 3500 appointments, many extra positions being created to enable him to take care of his white friends, but the thousands of colored voters in this State who loyally supported him received about as much consideration at his hands as though they lived in Mississippi.

By the enfranchisement of the women of this State the Negroes have something like 50,000 votes and we guarantee that no class of voters in the State will know better how to handle Gov. Johnson at the primaries next year than will the Negro voters.

If the opposition to Gov. Johnson will put in the field Mayor Rose or

Congressman Chas. F. Curry, or some man of that caliber, the entire Negro vote will be cast against Gov. Johnson. The black troops are ready for the fray.

LITTLE STORIES OF SUCCESS (Number 3.)

Anderson, of "Big Hungry"

Thomas Anderson, as any one will readily agree who inspects his picture, would not stand much chance in a beauty contest, but when it comes to contesting for prizes on cotton and corn he is sure winner and always carries off the blue ribbon.

Some fifteen years ago Anderson attended the Bible School Department of Tuskegee Institute. One of the requirements of all of the students in the Bible School is that they must work on the farm and thus acquire some knowledge of scientific agriculture. Anderson did not impress his teachers as being likely to startle the world with his preaching, and his career after graduating proved that their impressions were correct. He did, however, while at Tuskegee Institute, learn a lot about farming. After graduating from the Bible School, and trying his hand at preaching for a while, he decided that the "P. C." call for him meant for him to "plow corn," and this he proceeded to do.

About four miles from Tuskegee Institute the land was so poor that it was only with difficulty that a fuss could be raised upon it. The people who lived there hardly ever raised enough to eat and so the

district came to be known as "Big Hungry." Some twelve years ago a number of northern philanthropists decided to buy a tract of land and sell it off in small lots to Negroes. The land in "Big Hungry" was, of course, for sale dirt cheap. Forty acres were purchased and offered in small lots to colored farmers. Every one saw that the project would fail because only the farmers who had nothing could be induced to settle on the sandy hills. One of the farmers to locate here was Thomas Anderson. In his own words, "He had nothing but a hard time, a good wife and a two-year-old boy." His credit, however, was good and he bought forty acres of land on time. Within five years, by constant, patient toil and close economy, he paid for the forty acres of land, three good mules, three cows and three hundred dollars' worth of farm implements. In one year, with one mule, he raised more than \$600 worth of farm produce.

In 1911 the State of Alabama offered prizes in every county in the State to any farmer, white or black, who would raise the largest amount of corn on an acre of land. Anderson, although living on some of what was considered some of the poorest land in his county, decided that he would enter the contest. By raising 65 bushels of corn on one acre, he won the State's prize of \$25. He also won a number of prizes at the county fair. Altogether his cotton and corn that year brought him \$55 in prize money. In other years he has been equally successful. In fact, he has never lost a prize for which he has entered into competition.

What Anderson has done on some of the poorest land in Macon County, Alabama, can be duplicated in every section of the South if the Negro farmers will use the improved methods of farming such as are taught by the Department of Agriculture of the Tuskegee Institute.

OUR SALLIE

August 11th marked the first anniversary of our Sallie's death. Sallie was not only the individual favorite of each member of the family but was the universal favorite of her schoolmates. She was the editor's secretary and everything printed in *The Liberator* was usually dictated to her. She was a rapid legible writer whose copy was as acceptable to the compositors as though it was typewritten. She was full of life, and companionable; always seeing the humorous side of things.

On last Decoration Day, laden with flowers gathered from her flower garden, and accompanied by Arthur Warren, our little grandson, we boarded an Ocean-bound car which took us within a few blocks of Woodlawn Cemetery, where Sallie sleeps the "sleep that knows not waking." On leaving the car we beheld two streams of humanity, one flower-laden en route to the cemetery, and the other returning. On reaching the crest of the hill on which that beautiful cemetery is located, it seemed that the sleeper beneath every lowly mound had been remembered. There were flowers everywhere.

Standing out boldly in a group of modest marble head-stones we read the following inscription: "Merry G. Downey, Died Sept. 23, 1904. Age 30 years."

As we read the inscription and thought of the noble young man who lay sleeping before us, "1904" reminded us of the fleetness of time. Four years had elapsed since our last visit to his grave, and almost eight years had flown "like a bird on the wing" since with a group of sorrowing friends we saw all that was mortal of him consigned to mother earth. After planting a jar containing a bouquet of roses and carnations upon his lowly mound, Arthur and us wended our way to our Sallie's grave. In spite of the lovely flowers that greeted us on every hand, and surrounded by a great flower-laden multitude of all ages and sexes, it was to us a sad

occassion—it was our first experience.

In the new addition to Woodlawn, in the midst of a wilderness of newly made graves marked by many costly stones and monuments, we found the modest stone which marks our Sallie's final resting place. "Sallie L. Edmonds, Aug. 1890-Aug. 1912. Erected to Her Memory by Her Classmates." This simple inscription told the story of the earthly career of one of the loveliest characters that ever lived. Surrounded by its huge neighbors, Sallie's headstone looked small, but the dove that crowned it made it stand out in bold relief.

This stone was erected to her memory by Sallie's graduating class of thirty members, she being the only colored girl in the class and first to cross time's border.

Sallie had not been forgotten, for some one earlier in the day had placed upon her grave a bouquet of flowers. Planting an earthen jar containing flowers from Sallie's own flower garden, the beautiful lines of Thomas Knox was called to our mind:

*Like a swift fleeting meteor, a fast
flying cloud,
A flash of the lightning,
A break of the wave,
Man passeth from life
To his rest in the grave.*

REV. DR. KINCHEN'S FATHER DEAD

We regret to chronicle the sad news of the death of Rev. E. W. Kenchen's father, which occurred in Louisiana last week. Mr. Kenchen, Sr. spent last winter in this city with his son and on leaving for his home was confident that he was nearing his Home "over there."

Mr. Grant Smith, president of the Smith-Williams Undertaking Company, was a caller at *The Liberator* office this week. The company will ship the remains of Mrs. Currie Williams to Kansas City, Kansas. This enterprising company guarantees their work and ships bodies to any part of the globe.

THE UNION LITERARY SOCIETY OF BOYLE HEIGHTS REN- DERED A SPLENDID PROGRAM

On last Tuesday evening the Union Literary Society of Boyle Heights had an interesting debate. The subject was ably handled by the speakers on both sides, the affirmative winning. At the close of the debate attorney L. D. Barnett delivered a telling and timely address which was highly appreciated by the audience. He especially warned the Negroes against encouraging in any way race segregation; pointing out the ills suffered by Negroes in sections where "Jim Crowism" holds sway. He gave them to understand that the adoption of separate schools for Negroes means inferior schools, followed by inferior accommodations in public places, "Jim Crow" cars and "Jim Crow" everything else for Negroes.

Mr. J. W. Coleman, who conducts one of the leading employment offices in the city, was next introduced and delivered an able address.

The literary meets every Tuesday evening at 8:00 p. m. and all topics of general interest are discussed. The public is cordially invited to attend and take part in the meetings. First and Evergreen streets, Boyle Heights. J. W. Crawford, L. W. Henry, J. Jones, R. A. Garrison, Committee.

AFRO-AMERICAN COUNCIL

Meets every Wednesday evening at Scott's Hall, 561 Central Ave. Questions of great importance to the race are now coming before the Council.

All members are requested to attend.

L. D. BARNETT, President.

"An Advancing Cause and a Retreating Church" was the subject of Dr. Kinchen's sermon last Sunday at Wesley M. E. Church. Dr. Kinchen handled the sermon in his usual able manner. His discourse being full of inspiration. Dr. Kinchen is one of the ablest ministers west of the Rocky Moun-

tains, and is without a superior in this State. Under his pastorate Wesley has enjoyed a long season of both spiritual and financial prosperity.

Dr. Kinchen is optimistic and well equipped for his great calling. His genuine interest in the welfare of the people has secured for him the confidence and best wishes of the entire community.

ITEMS OF LOCAL INTEREST

WESLEY CHAPEL NOTES

Last Sunday was a great day in Wesley Chapel; there was a great audience out to hear Pastor Kinchen preach on "An Advancing Cause and a Retreating Church."

There is a great awakening going on along all lines in the Chapel. All departments of the work is advancing.

On Sunday at 11:00 a. m. Rev. Hubbs, pastor of the Second Baptist Church in New Orleans will preach. At 8:00 p. m. Pastor Kinchen will preach on the subject of "True Greatness."

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Mr. W. M. Wright, of Duarte, favored *The Liberator* office with a pleasant visit this week.

The Progressive League of the Furlong Home Tract will entertain the residents of the tract, and their friends, at the Harmony Baptist Church, corner 53d and Holmes Ave., Thursday evening, August 26th. An excellent program will be rendered and free refreshments dispensed.

J. W. WESLEY, Sec.

NOTICE

To all members and persons connected or concerned in the Victorville Water Association. You are hereby called to meet at the Odd Fellows Hall, 8th and Wall streets, Thursday, Aug. 28th, at 8. p. m. Business of importance; don't fail to be present. By order of the Board.

REV. S. L. HARRIS,
Chairman of Board
S. P. JOHNSON, Secy.

Alexander & Munson, owners of the Odell Tract, have sold all but four of their lots. Building will begin about September 1st. These lots are sold on easy payments, \$1500.00 building restrictions. Plans and specifications can be seen by making an appointment with either Mr. Alexander, Main 9134, or Mr. Munson, Broadway 1997.

Mr. Thomas Harris, of Santa Monica, and Mr. W. J. Bowman, of the Alexander-Bowman Company, were also welcomed callers at *The Liberator* office this week.

Capt. Henry Batie, Supt. of Elevators in the Hall of Records, is back at his post after a two weeks' vacation.

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Friends of Mr. Ogden's type are rare and greatly appreciated, and it is our earnest prayer that God in his infinite mercy will send us others to take his place.

ASSOCIATE EDITOR

We are pleased to announce that we have secured the services of Mr. Noah D. Thompson as associate editor. Mr. Thompson has had much experience in newspaper work which will prove of great value to this journal.

A SACRED CONCERT—A BIG CROWD EXPECTED

The sacred concert to be given at Wesley M. E. Church next Sunday afternoon, Aug. 24th, by the orphans of the National Industrial Home, should be largely attended. The cause is a noble one and must appeal to our entire population. There will be seats for 2000 people, and the occasion is such that every seat should be occupied. A splendid program has been prepared by the children under the supervision of Dr. and Mrs. C. H. Duvall, and should be heard by a full house. The claims of the school will be

presented by Dr. Duvall and other able speakers, and should be heard by our mothers and fathers who are especially urged to be present and thus lend encouragement to an institution that deserves their hearty support.

There will be no admission fee, but it is hoped that every one will contribute to the silver offering that is to be lifted to pay off the \$200 due merchants for supplies furnished the orphans

The colored ministers of the several churches are requested to have this notice read to their congregations and urge them to attend this concert. To do so will be simply doing an act of mercy. Program commences 3:00 p. m., Aug. 24th, at Wesley M. E. Church, corner 8th and San Julian streets.

THE NEW "GOLDEN WEST" CAFE

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Mr. Geo. S. Brown, Proprietor of the Golden West Hotel, has just completed repairing and remodeling the dining rooms of that hotel at a cost of \$3000. The Golden West Cafe, when thrown open to the public in September, will be one of the swellest cafes in the city. On the north and immediately in front of the dining rooms is the reception room, a thing of beauty. The dining room is brilliantly lighted by electricity at night, and receives a flood of sunlight through a succession of huge plate glass windows on the Hewitt street side of the building by day.

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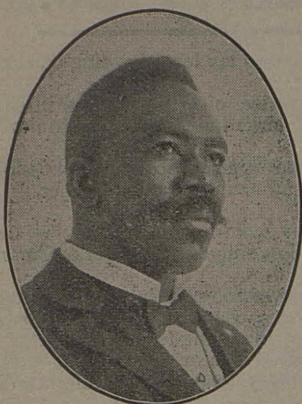
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